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REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Sir:

The applicant respectfully requests a reduction of the patent term adjustment for the above-identified application. This petition is being made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. This patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Allowance is 91 days, which the applicant agrees is correct. However, the patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Issuance is 91 days. The applicant believes that this term should be 0 days, as explained below.

On October 30, 2003, the Examiner mailed the Notice of Allowability for the above referenced application. On November 10, 2003, a certified copy of the Japanese patent, upon which the United States patent application sought priority, was submitted. The receipt of this submission is

shown in the "Image File Wrapper" section of the PAIR system. However, the receipt of these documents is not reflected on the "Patent Term Adjustment" section of the PAIR system. On September 14, 2004, the Examiner mailed an acknowledgment of priority papers, as reflected in both the "Image File Wrapper" and "Patent Term Adjustment" sections of PAIR. However, since the "Patent Term Adjustment" section of PAIR did not have the entry associated with the receipt of these papers, no deduction was made. Pursuant to CFR 1.704(c)(10), the period of adjustment shall be reduced by the lesser of:

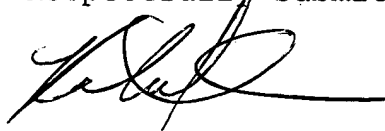
(i) the number of days between the filing of the priority papers and the mailing of an acknowledgment of those papers, or

(ii) 120 days.

In this case, the previously calculated term of 91 days should have been reduced by 120 days, yielding a correct patent term adjustment of 0 days.

In view of these events, the applicant respectfully requests a reduction of the patent term adjustment in view of the afore-mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,



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